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**VIA IBFS**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Letter  
IBFS File Nos. SAT-MOD-20150802-00053; SAT-STA-20150821-00060; SAT-LOA-20151123-00078

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 30, 2016, representatives of Planet Labs Inc. ("Planet") spoke with representatives of the FCC's International Bureau ("Bureau") regarding the above-referenced proceedings. The following individuals participated in the conference call on behalf of Planet: Rich Leshner, Vice President Government Affairs; Mike Safyan, Director of Launch and Regulatory Affairs; and Tony Lin, outside counsel for Planet Labs. The following people participated in the call on behalf of the Bureau: Jose Albuquerque, Satellite Division Chief; Stephen Duall, Policy Branch Chief; Chip Fleming, Satellite Division Chief Engineer; and Cindy Spiers, Policy Branch Attorney Advisor.

Planet discussed the status of the negotiations with ORBCOMM License Corp. ("ORBCOMM") and the company's conclusion that a negotiated resolution of the issues ORBCOMM has raised in the above-referenced proceedings is unlikely.<sup>1</sup> Planet stated that it will soon submit in-plane collision analysis for the secondary payloads aboard the SHERPA mission, demonstrating that the risk of collision meets the NASA standard and is also well below any other reasonable measure of risk. Planet informed the Bureau of the revised, mid-October 2016 launch date for the Sherpa mission and asked that the Bureau grant the Planet application, with respect to that launch, in advance of that deadline.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., ORBCOMM License Corp. Petition to Dismiss, Deny or Hold in Abeyance, File No. SAT-MOD-20150802-00053 (filed Jan. 19, 2016); see also Letter from Walter H. Sonnenfeldt, Regulatory Counsel, ORBCOMM License Corp., and Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, ORBCOMM Inc., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, File No. SAT-MOD-20150802-00053 (May 13, 2016).

<sup>2</sup> The Bureau has already granted the other portions of the application. See Public Notice, DA No. 16-688 (June 17, 2016).

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed electronically in the above-referenced proceedings. Please direct any questions regarding this letter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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